



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Howard County Executive Calvin Ball

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JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF

# KWANZAA



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021 | 6 P.M.**

**Owen Brown  
Interfaith Center  
7246 Cradlerock Way  
Columbia, MD 21045**

## SEVEN KWANZAA PRINCI-

**Umoja (Unity):** To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

**Kujichagulia (Self-Determination):** To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

**Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility):** To build and maintain our community together and make our community's problems our problems and to solve them together.

**Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics):** To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

**Nia (Purpose):** To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

**Kuumba (Creativity):** To do always as much as we can to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

**Imani (Faith):** To believe with all our hearts in our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

## SEVEN KWANZAA SYM-



**Mazao** (The Crops)

**Mkeka** (The Mat)

**Kinara** (The Candle Holder)

**Kikombe cha Umoja** (The Unity Cup)

**Mishumaa Saba** (The Seven Candles)

**Zawadi** (The Gifts)

## PROGRAM



**African Drumming** *Baba Andre Turner*

**Black National Anthem** *Paul Thompson*  
Administrative Assistant, Howard County Department of Finance

**Welcome** *Yolanda F. Sonnier*  
Administrator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

**Recognition of the Elders/Pouring of the Libation** *Willie Flowers*  
President, NAACP Maryland State Conference

**Opening Remarks** *County Executive Calvin Ball*  
Howard County Government

**Presentation of the Seven Kwanzaa Principles** *Dr. Denise Boston*  
Equity & Restorative Practices Manager,  
Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

**Umoja/Unity** *Claudia M. Allen*  
Outreach Coordinator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

**Kujichagulia/Self-Determination** *Zhion Perkins & Allen Dixon*

**Ujima/Collective Work & Responsibility** *Stephanie Wall*  
Strategic Outreach Coordinator, Howard County Administration

**Ujima/Collective Economics** *Laura Bacon*  
Founder of The 3rd

**Nia/Purpose** *Janssen Evelyn, Esq.*

**Kuumba/Creativity** *Denée Barr*  
Denée Barr Multimedia

**Closing Remarks** *Yolanda F. Sonnier*  
Administrator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

**Imani/Faith** *Celebration Liturgical Dance Ministry*  
Celebration Church